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**Command Information**  
Col. Frederyck Cayer, Jr.  
120th Mission Support Group  
Commander

I attended the Air National Guard Mission Support Group Commander's Conference during the second week of March.

It was a great opportunity to listen to the various ANG Directorates discuss their policy and procedure issues, listen to deliberation on the future of the ANG, and network with some fellow MSG Commanders from other states.

Chief James Hotaling, Command Chief Master Sergeant of the Air National Guard was one of the speakers as well. He ruminated on pertinent topics such as the tradition of the "Militia Minuteman", Professional Military Education, and leadership.

However, there was one statement he made that kept coming back to me in the days after the conference.

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Tech. Sgt. Jesse Enriquez, Staff Sgt. Kenneth Nau, Staff Sgt. Trevor Livingston and Tech. Sgt. Dale Vig carried "Old Glory" and the Montana flag in the Great Falls St. Patrick's Day Parade March 17, 2016.

## **New leadership for security and communications**

By Staff Sgt. Lindsey Soulsby

The 120th Airlift Wing hosted two assumption of commands in the Larsen Room March 5 for the 120th Security Forces Squadron and 120th Communications Flight.

Members of 120th SFS and the 120th CF, family and friends attended the event in support of Maj. Cody B. Smith assuming command of security forces and Lt. Col. Timothy J. Lincoln assuming command of communications.

"I have very high confidence in both Tim and Cody, they have demonstrated the proper leadership in the past and they will take two excellent units to another level," said 120th Mission Support Group Commander Col. Frederyck Cayer Jr.

Smith, left wing headquarters [CLICK FOR COMPLETE STORY](#)



Lt. Col. Timothy Lincoln salutes 120th Mission Support Group Commander Col. Frederyck Cayer, Jr. after assuming command of the 120th Communications Flight. March 5, 2016.

## **Video: Services cooks first meal in new mobile kitchen**



## **Airmen graduate from in-resident Malmstrom ALS**

By Senior Master Sgt. Eric Peterson

Thirty-two Airmen completed Airman Leadership School at Malmstrom Air Force Base and participated in the graduation ceremony held at the Grizzly Bend Club and Community Center March 22.

Among the Airmen who had completed the course of instruction were two members of the 120th Airlift Wing.

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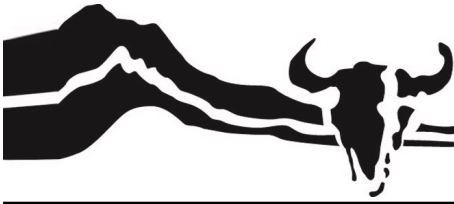
## **Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month**

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**World War II navigator reflects on military career**

By Senior Master Sgt. Eric Peterson

Retired Lt. Col. Leonard Erickson has much to be proud of accomplishing during his 96 years of life.

The World War II navigator fought for his country in the

European and Pacific theaters and returned home after the war to become a successful businessman running a grocery store in his hometown of Butte, Montana..

During the war the United States Army Air Forces officer was assigned to the 654th Bombardment Squadron of the 25th Bombardment Group (Reconnaissance), and served as a navigator on the Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress and the De Havilland DH-98 Mosquito.

120th Airlift Wing Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Arthur McCaffrey had the opportunity to meet with Erickson and members of his family at an assisted living facility in Butte March 10.

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**Easter Bunny visits wing**

By Senior Master Sgt. Eric Peterson

The numerous cottontail rabbits found hopping around the 120th Airlift Wing base were joined by one very large bunny March 23.

The Montana Air National Guard Airman and Family Readiness Program sponsored an afternoon Easter Eggs-travaganza for the children of Airmen that featured an Easter egg hunt, food, games,

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**ESGR hosts "Breakfast with the Boss" event**

By Senior Master Sgt. Eric Peterson

Local employers and community leaders were given an introduction to the Montana Air National Guard mission, personnel and aircraft during the Breakfast with the Boss event held at the 120th Airlift Wing March 5.

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**History of the Montana Air National Guard (Scanned negative from the photograph archives)**



The big news of the 120th Fighter Group in 1966 was the aircraft conversion from the F-89 Scorpion to the F-102 Delta Dagger. The first F-102 was flown into Great Falls on July 30th, 1966 by Maj. Jim Aiken, a former member of the 120th.

On August 1, an active-duty Air Force team arrived at the 120th to assist with the conversion. They remained for six months.

The first TF-102 two-seat trainer arrived in Great Falls on September 28. All affected sections were well into their conversion training when the TF-102 arrived.

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**April UTA Dining Facility menu**

- Saturday**-Barbeque Beef Cubes, Baked Stuffed Fish, Mashed Potatoes, Steamed Rice, Brown Gravy, Cream Style Corn, Green Beans
- Soup**-Zesty Bean
- Desserts**-Peach Cobbler, Chocolate Cake with Oreo Frosting, Parfaits, Jello, Soft Serve Ice Cream Bar
- Sunday**-Teriyaki Chicken, Meatloaf, Steamed Rice, Mashed Potatoes, Brown Gravy, Broccoli, Carrots